

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under § 112. Each of the examiner's comments have been addressed, and additional amendments have been made to better define the present invention. Applicant believes that none of the amendments narrows the scope of the claims, but better defines the invention. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 1-22 would be allowable in the absence of the § 112 rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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